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SUBJECT: ALLEGED POLITICAL PRISONERS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED PACKET OF 24 WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN AMERICA (WOLA) CASE SHEETS REPORTING ON ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN EL SALVADOR WHICH ARA/CEN HAS FORWARDED WITH REQUEST THESE CASES BE RAISED WITH GOES.

2. WE BELIEVE THESE CASES COULD MOST EFFECTIVELY BE TAKEN UP BY THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (IACHR) WHEN IT STUDIES THE SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR JANUARY 9-18. WE RECOMMEND THE DEPARTMENT TAKE ACTION WITH WOLA, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO INSURE CASES ABOUT WHICH THEY ARE AWARE ARE PUT ON IACHR FOR INQUIRY DURING THE SURVEY OF EL SALVADOR'S HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION.

3. WHILE EMBASSY WILL ALSO SEEK TO INQUIRE ABOUT THESE CASES WITH SALVADORAN AUTHORITIES, PREVIOUS EMBASSY EFFORTS TO INQUIRE ABOUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIFIC CASES, NOT INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS, FOR INSTANCE DIRECTLY WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE WHO WAS OFFERED LISTS OF ALLEGED POLITICAL PRISONERS FOR MINISTER OF DEFENSE COMMENT, HAVE BEEN REJECTED OR FINESSED. ON MOST OCCASIONS (E.G., SEE EMBTEL 5881), GOES HAS OFFICIAL DENIED EXISTENCE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS OR VIOLATION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS BY SECURITY FORCES.

4. THE PRESIDENT REITERATED HIS COMMITMENT TO GIVE THE IACHR FREE-HAND TO CARRY OUT ITS INVESTIGATION (EMBTel 5881). THAT THERE MAY BE RESISTANCE, HOWEVER, WAS INDICATED IN AN INCIDENT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO ASKED ME TO SEE HIM TO DISCUSS THE IACHR VISIT. WHEN DOING SO HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE TO ME OVER THE EXTENT OF THE IACHR PROGRAM IN EL SALVADOR, WHICH HE COMPLAINED INDICATED AN INTENTION TO GO INTO THE PAST RATHER THAN SIMPLY INQUIRE INTO THE CURRENT STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE IN EL SALVADOR. HE THEN CANCELLED THE APPOINTMENT. I BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT MAY PERSONALLY HAVE HAD THE FOREIGN MINISTER CALL OFF THE MEETING WITH ME. ALSO, WHEN WE CASUALLY MENTIONED THE IACHR VISIT TO THE DEFENSE MINISTER AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER THEY SHOWED SURPRISE AND CONCERN, AND OBVIOUSLY HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF THE TIMING AND IMMINENCE OF THE VISIT.

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